

65.04 - Hats and other headgear, plaited or made by assembling strips of any material, whether or not lined or trimmed.

This heading covers essentially hats and other headgear made from the hat-shapes of heading 65.02 after they have been blocked to shape, have had their brim made or have been lined or trimmed.

The hat-shapes are blocked by pressing or ironing on a matrice, usually after having been stiffened by application of gelatin, size, gum, etc. In the process of blocking, the crown opening is given an oval shape of the required size and at the same time the brim becomes more clearly defined.

After blocking, the brim is fashioned to the required shape.

Hat-shapes which have been blocked should not be confused with shapes which have not been blocked (**heading 65.02**), notwithstanding that these latter are sometimes worn as such untrimmed (e.g., for beach or country wear).

After blocking and, where applicable, brim-shaping, hats and headgear may be subjected to further finishing operations (e.g., fitted with linings, head-bands, hat-bands, chinstraps, decorative accessories such as artificial flowers, fruit or foliage, pins and feathers).

In addition to the articles described above, the heading also covers :

- (1) Hats and other headgear, in a variety of forms, made by milliners from the hat-shapes of heading 65.02, neither blocked nor with made brims.
- (2) Hats and other headgear made directly by assembling strips (**other than** hat forms of **heading 65.02** assembled by sewing in spirals, which may be worn directly as hats) of any material.
- (3) Hat-shapes of heading 65.02, simply blocked or with made brims, and hat-shapes neither blocked to shape nor with made brims but lined or trimmed (with ribbon, cord, etc.).